

Title: Need to upgrade LPT at Berhampur to 10 KW HPT centre and also provide second channel transmitter facility -laid.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (BERHAMPUR) (ORISSA): Sir, the proposal for upgrading Berhampur Doordarshan relay centre to a high power relay centre has been pending with the Government of India. Berhampur city is considered as the main cultural and commercial centre of southern Orissa. It is the third largest city in Orissa. People from all walks of life are living in this city.

The present Doordarshan relay centre at Berhampur and Paralakhemundi are not able to cater to the needs of the people of that city. The Berhampur relay centre is just a 100 watt capacity Low Power Transmitter. Most of the equipment installed in this relay centre are old and outdated. The transmission of programmes are therefore interrupted most of the time.

Since Doordarshan is the most popular mass media among the people, it is necessary that the fruits of its expansion should be duly shared by the people residing in every nook and corner of the country. In that context, I would like to appeal that the Paralakhemundi and Berhampur DD LPT Centres be upgraded to 10 kilowatt High Power Transmitter Centres without any further delay and also the second channel transmitter facility should also be provided there.